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SUBJECT: COUNCIL OF STATE AND JUNTA ABOLISHED, REVOLUTIONARY
COUNCIL TAKES OVER

REF: LISBON 1393

SUMMARY: COUNCIL OF STATE'S MILITARY MEMBERS HAVE HELD FINAL
SESSION, ABOLISHING COUNCIL AND NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA, WHOSE
POWERS DEVOLVE TO NEWLY CREATED REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL. END
SUMMARY.

1. COUNCIL OF STATE MET MARCH 13 AND PASSED CONSTITUTIONAL
LAW 5/75 ABOLISHING ITSELF AND NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA.
SAME LAW TRANSFERRED TO REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) THOSE POWERS
PREVIOUSLY EXERCISED BY COUNCIL OF STATE. LAW 5/75 DOES NOT
SPECIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO WILL SERVE ON RC, ONLY STATING THEY
WILL BE "MOST REPRESENTATIVE ELEMENTS OF AFM".

2. FINAL SESSION OF COUNCIL OF STATE ATTENDED ONLY BY ITS 14
MILITARY MEMBERS (7 JUNTA MEMBERS PLUS 7 AFM MEMBERS). AT
OPENING OF SESSION, COUNCIL'S SEVEN CIVILIAN MEMBERS OFFERED
THEIR RESIGNATIONS TO PRESIDENT COSTA GOMES. THE DISMISSED
CIVILIANS ARE: PROF. ISABEL DE MAGALHAES COLACO; PROF. DIOGO
FREITAS DO AMARAL; PROF. HENRIQUE DE BARROS; PROF. RUI LUIS
GOMES; PROF. TEIXEIRA RIBEIRO; AND DR. JOSE AZEVEDO PERDIAGAO.

3. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING FINAL COUNCIL OF STATE SESSION,
REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL MET AND NATIONALIZED BANKS (LISBON 1404).

4. COMMENT: BEFORE MARCH 11, FORMAL GOP GOVERNMENTAL
STRUCTURE CONSISTED OF TWO MAJOR BODIES UNDER PRESIDENT COSTA
GOMES: COUNCIL OF STATE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HEADED BY
PM VASCO GONCALVES. ADVENT OF NEW REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PLUS
RESTRUCTURING OF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, ALREADY ANNOUNCED, WILL
PROBABLY RESULT IN APPEARANCE OF DUAL AUTHORITY WITHIN GOP,
ESPECIALLY SINCE INFORMAL AFM MECHANISMS MAY ALSO CONTINUE WITH
OVERLAPPING MEMBERSHIPS. REALITY OF SITUATION, HOWEVER, MAY
BE DIFFERENT. THRUST OF CURRENT REORGANIZATION IS IN DIRECTION
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